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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/756,937	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LEGNER, JURGEN	
	<b>Examiner</b> Dirk Wright	<b>Art Unit</b> 3681	

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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*Claims Rejected*

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 11, 17, and 18, "so-called" is not only informal, but is indefinite because it is not clear whether or not applicant intended that the stall point is really called that or supposedly called something else. Likewise, "its" in the last line of claim 11, is unclear as to its object. In claim 13, "assumes rotational speed" is confusing because it is not clear if applicant intended a particular speed, or what. In claim 14, what is "smooth torque build-up"? In claim 15, what is "great torque absorption"? Applicant is reminded that claim terminology is read literally, and as such, the terms "smooth" and "great" are not only undefined in the claim, but lack a proper frame of reference. In claim 16, "entirely" is confusing because a partially engaged condition for the clutch is undefined. In claim 17, "the primary clutch" lacks an antecedent, as well as "the reduction gear" and "the hydrodynamic torque converter". What is "necessary" torque? Is there an unnecessary torque also? In claim 20, "a great reduction" is confusing, because a "not-great" reduction is not defined.

While no prior art appears to anticipate or render obvious the claimed subject matter, as best understood, patentability of these claims cannot be determined until the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is overcome.

***Prior Art Discussed***

The examiner has considered the references cited by applicant in his Information Disclosure Statement, filed January 14, 2004 and May 17, 2004. None of the references, taken either singularly or in combination, appear to show all of the features of the claimed invention.

The reference cited by the examiner is deemed pertinent to applicant's disclosure but does not show all of the features of the claimed invention. Lutgen '885 shows a combination of an engine, a transmission, a hydrostatic transmission and a power take off, but does not show a torque converter.

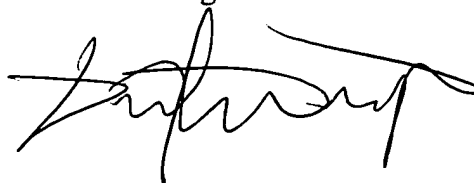
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dirk Wright whose telephone number is 571-272-7098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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